

## "Custer's Revenge" Video Game Rated Blatant Racism

Opposition to sale of the new "adult video game "Custer's Revenge" because of its "blatant racism and sexism" was voiced by the National YWCA through its Racial Justice Committee in New York City today (October 14).

The 10-woman group, representing YWCAs in 435 communities and a membership of more than two million women, voted unanimously to oppose the manufacture, distribution and sale of "Custer's Revenge" and other "denigrating" video games produced by American Multiple Industries, Northridge, California, for the home video market.

The so-called "game", says YWCA Racial Justice Committee chair Jacqueline Delahunt of Olga, Wash., "makes a game of sexual contact and -implicitly--of rape, and raping Indian women." A male, wearing hat and boots only, "commits rape and violence against a woman. It is obviously an Indian woman as evidence by a program title and use of arrows as a visual device."

The Committee's opposition, she says, "is consistent with positions of the organization's directing body, the National Board of the YWCA of the U.S.A., currently meeting in New York.

"For 124 years, we have fought for

women's and human rights and against exploitation of and violence toward women. And for more than 60 years, our two million women have fought for the elimination of racism," Ms. Delahunt said.

"This video 'game' insults and denigrates women, Indians - and men. Rape is rewarded."

She sees wide distribution of "Custer's Revenge" as having a

negative and anti-social impact on 'the largest audiences for this type of home 'entertainment' -- children and young people.

"There's nothing in this product remotely connected to 'entertainment'," she added.

The Racial Justice Committee will ask the full National Board to endorse its opposition to such "denigrating" video products.